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expected when it was raised. In that time two foreign war ships had arrived at Honolulu, but the American flag was up and thus all danger of dual or tripartite arrangement as to Hawaiian affairs was avoided, and the just American predominance successfully maintained. They are dull statesmen and poorly equipped diplomats who do not know the advantage which the party has who is in actual possession. I am but too glad to believe that the present administration has no thought of giving up this vantage ground, to which the bold and vigorous dispatch of Secretary Bayard, approved by President Cleveland, to Minister Merrill, July 12, 1887, powerfully contributed. The language of the dispatch when an outbreak was feared in the summer of 1887, was the following:

The interests of American citizens which has grown up under the extension of commerce between Hawaii and the United States and the guarantee of existing treaty must not be jeopardized by internal confusion in the government of these Islands, and it is the duty of the United States to see that these interests are not imperiled or injured, and to do all things necessary for their just protection.

While we abstain from interfering with the domestic affairs of Hawaii, in accordance with the policy and practice of this Government, yet obstruction to the channels of legitimate commerce under existing law must not be allowed and American citizens in Hawaii must be protected in their persons and property by the representatives of their country's law and power, and no internal discord must be suffered to impair them."

These were the latest instructions to the United States Minister at Honolulu, on file at the Legation, for guidance in case of circumstances precisely like those which arose when the Hawaiian monarchy fell in January last. It was the language of this dispatch which Captain Wiltse of the Boston had for his instruction.

The essential objects to be accomplished by raising the flag were gained during the seventy-five days its bright, starry folds were before the people of Hawaii. The Provisional Government had secured the necessary time to organize an efficient police and military force, to substitute reliable officials in place of the unreliable and to consolidate the new Government, with the approval of the best and responsible men of all the Islands. This country now has the best government it has ever had, administration by men of intelligence, education and character, and as thoroughly American in sympathy and interest as we have at the head of any of our American States and Territories. That Government and those back of it—all the responsible and the best citizens of the Islands—ask for the annexation of Hawaii as a Territory of the United States. This is desired because it is believed to be best for the native as well as the foreign-born population of the Islands. The Hawaiian monarchy has been especially injurious to the welfare of the native Hawaiians. The Government and those supporting it desire annexation because they justly regard present Hawaii in reality an American colony closely identified with American interests and governed by American ideas, American laws and American judicial rules and decisions. In reporting the treaty of annexation in January last the Senate Committee of Foreign Affairs acted as American statesmen in dealing with facts, events and interests as they found them. They came to the same conclusion as did the Democratic administration of 1854, when Secretary William L. Marcy authorized Commissioner Gregg to negotiate a treaty of annexation, which that Commissioner did negotiate, though he exceeded his instructions as to the provisions of the treaty.

The treaty of 1854 failed through divided counsels at Honolulu and the probable duplicity of the Hawaiian Minister of Foreign Affairs—a wily Scotchman who had no love for American Institutions. Wm. L. Marcy was a bold and able man, and his view of the value of Hawaii to the United States was fully shared by Wm. H. Seward, who had remarkable foresight as to the vast future of American commerce in the Pacific, and looked forward to the annexation of Hawaii as necessary and inevitable, and would have urged it during his occupancy of the State Department had he found the Honolulu authorities ready for it.

Marcy, the able Democratic leader of his time, a cool, sagacious statesman, in a dispatch to the United States Minister, Mason, at Paris, December 16, 1853, speaking of the Hawaiian Islands, said:

"Both English and France are apprised of our determination not to allow them to be owned by or to fall under the protection of either of these powers or of any other European nation. It seems to be inevitable that they must come under the control of this Government."

Luther Severance, an able, safe and sagacious man, whom the people of Maine many years knew so well, whom Daniel Webster honored, after four years' residence at Honolulu, came to the same conclusion as did Secretary Marcy.

None have defended this view more ably than James G. Blaine, in a remarkable state paper during President Garfield's administration, and none more eloquently than Senator Morgan of Alabama, just selected by the Democratic colleagues, as the Chairman of the Senate committee on foreign relations.

Now this prize is freely offered us. I cannot think it possible that our people and our statesmen will refuse to accept it. To spurn and reject this important and thoroughly American colony, planted by some of the most devoted of America's sons and daughters,

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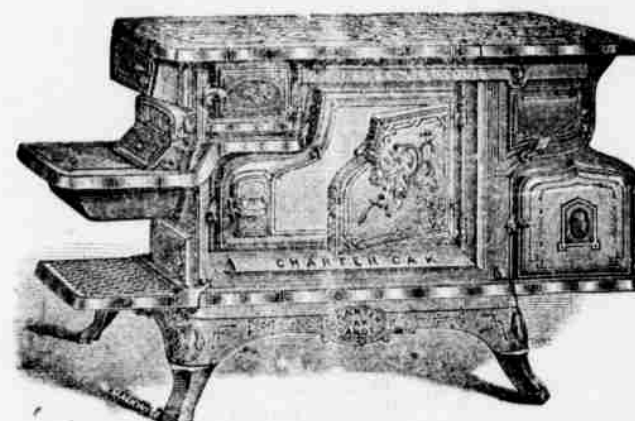
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